

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler tractor, comprising
a hydrostatic transmission for steering to rotate a machine body,
wherein the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side is
connected to a driving system at a position located downstream of ~~behind~~ a
~~reverser mechanism~~ having an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching
between a forward first direction of movement [[or]] and a rearward second
direction of movement of the machine body, wherein downstream refers to a
direction of power transmission, and
the hydrostatic transmission for steering has a control member connected
to a steering wheel via a reduction gear and a link mechanism which are mounted
to a single stay of a steering wheel column in a cantilever manner.

2. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 1,
further comprising a gear-switching travel speed-change mechanism ~~of gear-~~
~~switching type~~ for changing travel speed by changing a gear train, wherein an
input side of the hydrostatic transmission for steering is operatively connected to a
speed-change shaft of the travel speed-change mechanism.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 1 3,
wherein the steering wheel column that is integrally equipped with the steering
wheel and the link mechanism is supported by the machine body in a vibration-
absorbing manner via a vibration-absorbing member.

5. (Currently Amended) A crawler tractor, comprising a hydrostatic
transmission for steering to rotate a machine body The crawler tractor according
to claim 1, wherein

the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side connected to a
driving system at a position located downstream of a reverser mechanism having
an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching between a first direction of
movement and a second direction of movement of the machine body, wherein
downstream refers to a direction of power transmission,

the hydrostatic transmission for steering comprises a steering pump and a
steering motor, and

the steering motor is connected to an input shaft of a planetary gear
differential mechanism of planetary gear type.

6. (Currently Amended) A crawler tractor comprising a hydrostatic transmission for steering to rotate a machine body ~~The crawler tractor according to claim 1, wherein~~

the hydrostatic transmission for steering has an input side connected to a driving system at a position located downstream of a reverser mechanism having an output side, the reverser mechanism for switching between a first direction of movement and a second direction of movement of the machine body, wherein downstream refers to a direction of power transmission,

a control member of the hydrostatic transmission for steering is connected to a steering wheel via a link mechanism, and

an auxiliary speed-change lever of a travel speed-change mechanism is connected to the link mechanism so as to adjust operating amount of the hydrostatic transmission for steering when the auxiliary speed-change lever is operated for auxiliary speed change.

7. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 6, wherein relative to a certain steering amount of the steering wheel, a rotational difference between right and left traveling crawlers becomes large when the auxiliary speed change is at a high speed, and a rotational difference between the right and left traveling crawlers becomes small when the auxiliary speed change is at a low speed.

8-11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 1, wherein step parts where a driving operator gets on and fender parts are integrated, and provided on right and left sides separately.

13. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 12, wherein a fuel tank for an engine is mounted to one of right and left vehicle body frames that integrally ~~connecting~~ connect the steps where the driving operator gets on and the fenders.

14. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 5 †, wherein ~~a travel speed-change mechanism for changing travel speed is operatively connected to the driving system at a position located behind the reverser mechanism~~ the hydrostatic transmission for changing travel speed includes a traveling pump and a traveling motor that are arranged separately to each other.

15. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 14, wherein the traveling pump and the steering pump travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering are arranged in serial.

16. (Currently Amended) The crawler tractor according to claim 14, wherein the traveling motor and the steering motor ~~travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering~~ are connected to a transmission case accommodating ~~having~~ a the differential mechanism of planetary gear type, so that as to be ~~the traveling motor and the steering motor are~~ arranged opposite each other with the transmission case being interposed therebetween ~~the travel speed-change mechanism and the hydrostatic transmission for steering~~.

17. (Original) The crawler tractor according to claim 12, wherein one fuel tank for an engine is disposed between the right and left fenders behind a driver seat, and another fuel tank or fuel tanks are disposed inside one or both of the right and left fenders.